against this, the allocation of Central relief under the Calamity Relief Fund is merely Rs. 85 crores—Rs. 63.75 crores from the Central Government and Rs. 21.25 crores from the State Government per annum—leaving a substantial gap between the need and the allocatoin. I, therefore earnestly urge upon the Government to exercise due latitute in extending aid to the Gujarat Government to the tune of Rs. 100 crores more than the allocation looking at the unprecedented dimension of the drought and flood calamities taken together.

Now, torrential rains and swelling rivers know no territorial boundaries. Yet the flood management has been left to the State Governments. It would be in the fitness of things if a flood and disaster management board or a national commission for disaster management is set up at the Centre to lay down plans and oversee their implemention.

Thank you, Madam.

SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL (Gujarat): While associating myself with what Shri Parmar has said, I would like to say a few words within two minutes. This time, we had floods not only in the Narmada and the Tapti rivers but also in small rivers due to unusual rains. We had heavy rains and that was why we had floods in the Saurashtra and Kutch regions and damage to property in Surat, Valsad, the whole of Saurashtra and Kutch regions.

Madam, due to these floods, the small hutments of the poor people were completely washed away and you will be surprised to know that there is no sign of whether there was any habitat here at all before the floods. The floods have caused a great damage. The amount that can be spent by the State Government is very meagre because we had a severe scarcity just before a month. All the money has been spent for the relief measures last month and the State Government has no funds. So, as a special case, the Gujarat Government should be allotted more funds either from the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana or from some other schemes. The maximum that can be allotted should be allotted to our State. The second point that I want to make is...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Patel, please be brief.

SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Madam, I demand that there should be a calamity board not just for a State but for the whole country. Many types of scarcities are there and many flood management problems are also there. Therefore, it is high time that there was a flood management board at the Central level. I think this proposal would, be considered by the Government positively.

Thank you, Madam, for giving me this opportunity to speak.

Reported delay in clearance of Polavaram Project in Andhra Pradesh

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. I would like to refer to the abnormal delay in giving the techno-economic clearance to the Polavaram irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh. A lot of water is being wasted in the Godavari river while farmers and people in other regions are suffering for want of water. This Polavaram project will irrigate about 3 lakh hectares of new *ayacut* areas in Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh, utilising 301 TMC of water including the 80 TMC of water to be diverted from the Godavari river to the Krishna river, 23 TMC of water to be supplied to Visakhapatnam town. Apart from all this, 720 MW of power can also be generated by this project. Madam, there are no Centre-State disputes in this project and all inter-State issues were sorted out under the Godavari Water Distribution Tribunal

Awards. All the queries sent by the Central Water Commission have been replied to by the State Government. But, still the techno-economic clearance has not been given by the Central Water Commission. Then, concurrence of the Madhya Pradesh and Orissa Governments has to be obtained for the provision towards flood-protection embankments. For this also the Central Government has to organise the meetings between the concerned State Governments which it has not done so far. The environmental and forest clearance has also to be given by the Centre.

Madam, this project costs Rs. 3,030/- crores at 1989-90 rates. Even if the clearance is given, it will not be possible for the State Government to implement this project on its own. Therefore, it should be treated as a natioanl project.

The World Bank at one stage had expressed it readiness to fund this project. Therefore, the Centre should also move the World Bank for assistance to implement this project as a national project.

I request the Government, through you, Madam, to expeditiously give clearance to this project because the farmers in the coastal areas are eagerly waiting for this for several years and all the necessary formalities have already been completed. Thank you Madam.

Private Member's Resolution postponed

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Now, we have to resolve the problem of the Resolution because Mr. Viren J. Shah is not present here. It is very important...(*interruption*)... It is a very important resolution because it is regarding women and problems of women...(*interruption*)... It is an important resolution. I want somebody should... (*interruption*)... What is the will of the House? ...

(व्यवधान) हां, बोलिए ।

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा (मध्य प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदया, पिछले सत्र में जब श्री वीरेन जे० शाह जी का रेजोल्यूशन आया था और इस पर बहुत से सदस्य अपनी भावनायें व्यक्त करना चाहते थे और मैंने भी उठकर कहा था कि इसको, इस रेजोल्यूशन को अगले सत्र में लिया जाना चाहिए और आज किसी कारणवश सदस्य यहां पर मौजूद नहीं हैं, लेकिन मैं समझती हूं कि यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण विषय है, वैसे भी महिलाओं के बारे में बहुत कम बात होती है, कभी-कभी तो मौका आता है या हाउस में समय मिलता है जबकि महिलाओं के बारे में, इस देश की आधी जनसंख्या के बारे में हम चिंता व्यक्त करते हैं या उस पर सोचते हैं । तो मैं आपसे विशेष अनुरोध करूंगी कि इसको या तो प्रस्ताव को आगे जारी रखा जाए या फिर अगले सप्ताह के लिए ले लिया जाए ।

उपसभापति : आप ठीक कह रही हैं, क्योंकि इसके ऊपर बिजनैस एडवाइजरी कमेटी में भी बात हुई थी, हाउस में भी यह तय हुआ था कि महिलाओं के जो विषय होते हैं उस पर अलग से चर्चा हो । फिर यह तय हुआ क्योंकि यह प्राइवेट मैम्बर्स रेजोल्यूशन चल रहा है, डिसकशन है तो उसमें ही सरकार अपनी जो भी भावनायें हैं उनको यहां हाउस में प्रकट कर सकती है और सजेशन जो मैम्बर्स दे रहे हैं वे दे सकते हैं। यह बहुत दुर्भाग्य और दुख की बात है कि जिन्होंने रेजोल्यूशन मूव किया था वे आज हाउस में नहीं हैं, कायदे से अगर हम चाहें तो यह कर सकते हैं, क्योंकि रेजोल्यूशन के इस समय मूवर नहीं है तो इसको खत्म कर सकते हैं आज के आज में और वोट हो सकती है या जो भी कुछ हो सकता है, because the Mover is not there; so, it lapses.

क्योंकि मसला ऐसा है जो कि इम्पोर्टेंट है और जिसको हमें लैप्स नहीं ठहराना है, हम चाहते हैं कि महिलाओं के बारे में सदन के सभी सदस्यों के विचार सामने आएं ताकि सरकार कोई अच्छा निर्णय ले उसके ऊपर जहां जरूरत है। तो कोई कानून नहीं होने के बावजूद भी हाउस की

अगर यह ओपीनियन है, इसमें अगर आप बोल रहो हैं तो आप बोलिए।

or if the sense of the House is like that... (*Interruption*) then, we can have it on another day.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, this being an important subject, it is better that we discuss when the House functions normally. My suggestion is that we should postpone the discussion to next week.

श्री जगन्नाथ मिश्र (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम, जैसाकि, विषय है, उसकी गंभीरता कम नहीं होनी चाहिए।

उपसभापति : यह बहुत ही गंभीर विषय है।

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : मैडम, 19 तारीख को दूसरा प्राइवेट मैम्बर्स डे है, उसके लिए यह रखा जा सकता है।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is about the increasing incidents of rape, molestation, abduction, illegal detention, failure of Government machinery, etc. A lot of things are there.

तो अगर हाउस की यह इच्छा है कि इसको दूसरे दिन के लिए मुलतवी कर दें जिस दिन दोबारा से हम रिजोल्यूशन को डिस्कस करेंगे।

Then, I will consider it. (*Interruptions*) ...Then, we don't have any business. If you share it... because the rest of the movers are not here. So, if the House agrees, then we can adjourn the House till Monday.

The House now stands adjourned till 11 A.M. on Monday.

The House then adjourned at fifty-one minutes past 10 of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 8th August, 1994.